CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 3, 2009

INVOCATION:
Pastor Rick Bloom of Pacific Christian Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Zacarías led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Acting Director of Community Development Woods, Advance Planner Smith, Police Chief Macagni, Fire Chief Ortiz, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Transit Services Manager O'Dell, Accounting Manager Harvey, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Mayor Lavagnino announced that the Army Corps of Engineers was currently taking core samples at the Santa Maria River Levee which was the preliminary step to repairing the levee; and, as a result, the levee trail was closed to the public.

Mayor Lavagnino also announced that the City of Santa Maria had received $280,000 for the Santa Maria River Levee, $150,000 for the Santa Maria Public Library, and $500,000 for the Santa Maria Transit Center for a total of $930,000 from the Federal Government in Fiscal Year 2007/2008. In Fiscal Year 2008/09, the City received $6,699,000 for the Levee and $475,000 for the Santa Maria Transit Center for a total of $7,174,000. The total for the last two years was $8,104,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Sister Janet Corcoran asked the Council to accept the Recreation and Parks Commission's recommendation for tobacco use in City parks and talked about the effects of second-hand smoke, especially to children, and litter from smokers.

Larry Bargenquast, Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, thanked the Police Department and the City for the initiating sobriety check points to remove drunk drivers and people driving without licenses off the streets.

Mickey Freeman, Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, thanked the people who attended the Immigration Symposium on February 19 at the Santa Maria Inn. She said the members of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps were not racist, they were just trying to protect the Country.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items A through G were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 17, 2009, were approved as submitted.

C. RELEASE OF BOND
Council accepted as complete the public improvements associated with West A Street Business Center, Tract 5879, and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance Bond in the reduced amount of $4,000 posted for the installation of 53 street and easement trees, including maintenance for one year.

D. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 148720 to 149097 totaling $3,177,624.80 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 140329, 147749, and 148647 were cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

F. FTA FUNDS
Resolution No. 2009-26 was adopted approving the City of Santa Maria's (SMAT) Local Capital and Operating Assistance application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds in the Santa Maria Urbanized Area for Fiscal Years 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12.

Resolution No. 2009-26 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 APPLICATION FY 2009-10 TO 2011-12 FOR SANTA MARIA URBANIZED AREA.

G. GAS COLLECTION CONTRACT
Resolution No. 2009-27 was adopted approving a contract with SCS Engineers to provide gas collection control system operation, maintenance, and reporting for the Santa Maria Regional Landfill.

Resolution No. 2009-27 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPORTING OF THE GAS CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE SANTA MARIA REGIONAL LANDFILL.

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE (GPZ) FOR SANTA MARIA VILLAGE SENIOR APARTMENTS, 450 AND 460 WEST STOWELL ROAD, GPZ-2008-001, E-2008-001.
Acting Community Development Director Woods gave the staff report. The City Council is asked to consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact, a mitigation monitoring program, and a General Plan amendment and zone change to allow the re-designation of a 1.85 acre parcel from LDR-5 (Low Density Residential, 5 dwelling units per acre) to HDR-22 (High Density Residential, 22 dwelling units per acre) and a zone change from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to PD/R-3 (Planned Development/High Density Residential), for the Santa Maria Village Senior Apartments located at 450 and 460 West Stowell Road. On September 7, 2004, the City Council denied a General Plan amendment and zone change to allow nine duplexes for a total of 18 dwelling units on

this property. On January 2, 2008, the project applicants, Joe and Tom Lopez, submitted applications for a General Plan Amendment, zone change, and Planned Development Permit for a three-story, 67-unit senior housing development 40 feet in height.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 5, 2008, and again on December 17, 2008, the Planning Commission continued the project after hearing public testimony and concerns about traffic, loss of privacy, decrease in property values, noise, and neighborhood compatibility. In response to the concerns expressed by the public, the applicants revised the project. The revised project is two-story with a total height of 26 feet; the floor area was reduced from 67,380 square feet to 54,224 square feet; the number of dwelling units was reduced to 60 units; setbacks were increased to 50 feet on the west, south and east property lines; landscaping was increased from 26 percent to 32 percent; landscaped open space was increased; balconies were removed from the building elevations; and the building footprint was increased from 22,460 square feet to 27,112 square feet to accommodate the lower profile of the building. On February 4, 2009, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 2539 recommending the City Council approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Resolution No. 2540 recommending the City Council approve a General Plan Amendment and zone change on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Lopez recusing himself.

Mayor Lavagnino, Councilmembers Zacarías, Patino, and Cordero announced that they had met individually with both the opponents and the proponents of the project.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez announced that eight letters had been received from Joan Oswood, Joan Leon, Lupe Pfaff, Phyllis Wicks, Janice Zern, and Tina Centeno in opposition; and Bob Ladd and applicants Tom and Joe Lopez in support.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Bill Orndorff, representative of the project applicants, spoke about the need for senior housing and the number of seniors in the Country today. He discussed the zoning standards including parking requirements, landscaping requirements, setbacks, building height, and how the proposed project exceeded the minimum requirements. The project would provide walking access to shopping, banks, and services without having to cross any major streets. He discussed the provisions of the Density Bonus Agreement. If the Council approved the project, the Density Bonus Agreement would become a condition of approval. He displayed a drawing showing the line of sight from the second story of the proposed apartments to the existing single family homes. He explained that with the distance between the buildings and the proposed landscaping, the privacy for the adjacent single family homes would be protected.

Councilmember Zacarías asked if there was any provision for maintaining the landscaping and trees at a certain height so they did not grow too high and impact the adjacent properties.

Mr. Orndorff replied that the landscape architect would take that into account when designing the landscaping and selecting the types of trees. He offered to have the landscape architect meet with the adjacent property owners to discuss the type, size and location of the trees.

Councilmember Patino expressed concern about the limited number of parking spaces and asked where the residents would park if there was going to be 60 units with probably two people per unit and only 48 parking spaces.

Mr. Orndorff explained that statistics show that due to the size of the units, most of the apartments would only have one occupant. If it was an elderly couple, they would probably have only one vehicle, if any. Many of the occupants would not drive. Shopping was within walking distance so there would not be many vehicle trips, and there would be a bus pullout along Stowell in front of the project. The driveway on the east side would be for emergency vehicles and trash pickup only.

Councilmember Patino asked how far the driveway was from Thornburg Street and what the driveway on the east side of the property was for.

Mr. Orndorff explained that the westerly property line was 295 feet from Thornburg Street. Having 95 percent of the traffic exiting and entering at the westerly driveway location would allow for vehicles to go eastbound on Stowell to Thornburg and left turns westbound on Stowell into the site with adequate stacking. The driveway on the east side would be for emergency vehicles and trash pickup only.

Councilmember Cordero asked if they had a target age group they hoped to have live in the apartments. He asked if a couple could live in the facility if one spouse was under 55.

Mr. Orndorff explained that their target group would probably be 65 years of age.

City Attorney Trujillo explained that under the Unruh Civil Rights Act, which provides the authority for senior housing, there were several exceptions to the 55 age limit. A spouse, a caretaker, or a disabled child could live in a senior-designated facility with a qualifying senior.

Councilmember Cordero confirmed there were provisions that would allow a person under the age of 55 to live in the apartments. He asked the City Attorney if language could be added that would protect the concerns of the residents and allow the project to move forward.

City Attorney Trujillo stated he thought those provisions could be legally incorporated into the Density Bonus Agreement. The agreement was required by the Municipal Code whenever the developers were seeking an incentive. The Density Bonus Agreement would be recorded against the property. The City would be notified if the property ever sold and would have to approve it and ensure that the successors in interest would comply with the provisions of the Agreement.

Marty Mariscal talked about the zone change and the Housing Element. In the Housing Element the City recognized that 35 percent of the rental units in the City were overcrowded. There haven't been any apartments built in the City for some time. The property was in a major shopping corridor and within the original four-square mile area of the City where infill developments were encouraged.

Fernando Castaneda stated the housing needs of senior citizens were often overlooked or minimized. Sometimes seniors accepted housing options that were less than ideal because alternative housing was not available. He supported the project.

Karen O'Neil, Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, spoke in support of the project. They supported projects that allowed seniors to maintain their independence and their dignity. Most of the opposition seemed to be from the neighbors; however, there really was a sincere need for this project.

Laura Mohajer spoke in support of the project. She said it was an ideal location for senior housing because it was conveniently located next to shopping, medical services, public transportation and park facilities.

Rosalie Marquez, I AM - Wisdom Center, spoke on behalf of the Board of Directors in support of the project. This project would be a benefit to seniors who were left alone and could no longer maintain a large home.

Sister Janet Corcoran spoke in support of the project as there was a critical need for senior housing. The project was located close to shopping, medical facilities, and needed services for seniors.

Virginia Brown spoke in support of the project and talked about the needs of senior citizens. The City did not have the housing needed for seniors to enjoy a good quality of life.

Joyce Lippman, Area Agency on Aging, spoke about the need for senior housing in the City and supported the project. When seniors left their own homes and went to a congregate facility like this, their health improved and the quality of life improved.

Dan Lopez spoke in support of the project and said the project would improve the community.

Franziska Shepard spoke in support of the project. The average age of seniors in this type of facility was between 84 to 86 years of age. They did not drive. It was a healthy environment for seniors, and the City really needed it.

Deborah Brasket, SBCAN, spoke in support of the project. This project would provide much needed housing for seniors. There was a crisis in the community because of the lack of senior and workforce housing.

Tina Centeno, representative for the opponents of the project, stated they received 46 signatures of neighbors on a petition. The developers said the project was much needed in the community; however, they surveyed 12 senior facilities in the area with 8 in Santa Maria. Of those in Santa Maria, seven had vacancies. She said there were 486-580 new senior units approved and asked if there could be an over-saturation. Under HUD rules of 80 percent, only 48 of the people in the proposed facility had to be seniors. Under Santa Maria's rules of 50 percent, only 28 people had to be seniors. She talked about traffic and the number of people 55 and over who were still working every day. She expressed concern about the close proximity of the driveways to the intersection of Thornburg Street and Stowell Road and the number of accidents at that location. She talked about the loss of privacy for the existing single family homes. She said the project was not compatible with the neighborhood. If the R-3 zoning was approved, the developers would not have to build senior housing. If senior housing was built, after 30 years it would no longer need to be restricted to seniors. The project was surrounded on three sides by single-story, single-family homes. She highlighted the General Plan Policy Standards and Goals and the reasons the opponents thought the project was not consistent with the General Plan. She asked what recourse there would be if the developers did not comply with the restrictions or the agreement.

City Attorney Trujillo explained that the restrictions would be listed in the Density Bonus Agreement. It would be a breach of contract action if they did not comply, and that would allow the City to put them on notice of the breach and give them an opportunity to cure the breach. If they did not comply, the City could go into court and enforce the contract.

Councilmember Zacarías asked about the senior facilities listed in the vacancies comparison and asked how many of them were for low-income residents.

Tina Centeno stated she believed the majority of the facilities were market rate units.

Mayor Lavagnino announced that according to the accident reports, there were four accidents at Stowell and Entrada between January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2008, with no accidents reported since December 20, 2005. Two of the accidents were vehicles hitting pedestrians. At Stowell and Thornburg there were 15 reported accidents in the last five years with only 1 in the last three years. Most of the accidents were left turns out of Thornburg being struck by westbound vehicles. Only 1 of the 15 was within the last three years. No accidents were reported at Stowell and Smith and only one was reported at Stowell and Victoria in the last five years.

Steve McCoy spoke about pedestrian traffic. Every day there were hundreds of high school students crossing Stowell Road. Putting more cars coming out onto Stowell Road, especially senior drivers, needed to be closely looked at.

Ed Crawford stated there was an accident in December with a person in a wheelchair trying to cross Stowell Road. He also talked about the high school students trying to cross Stowell Road.

Sharon Knotts talked about the 4th of July Fireworks. Santa Maria was the only City in Santa Barbara County that allowed fireworks. The fireworks were very loud, and the smoke affected breathing which might impact senior citizens.

Chuck Whitford talked about the editorial in the Santa Maria Times regarding this project and suggested the Council deny the project because it was tainted by the press. The following people asked to go on record as opposing the project but did not speak: Donna Lloyd, Debra Smith, LeRoy Stanford, Penny Stanford, Gerald Simas, Dorothy Centeno, Phyllis Wicks, and Frank Zern.

Hearing no further requests to speak, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Orach stated the reason he did not meet with the proponents or opponents was because people accused Councilmembers of forming their opinion before the meeting. The Council has said that infill projects would be looked at for higher-density housing. Senior housing was a superior need for the City. The number of cars in a senior complex would be much less. The residents would probably be over 65 years of age. The privacy issue was not as much of a concern to him because seniors liked their privacy as well. He felt it was a respectable project. The height of the project had been reduced and the setbacks were increased to 50 feet to maintain the neighbors' privacy. He said he was in favor of the project.

Councilmember Zacarías asked if there was an expiration date to the Density Bonus Agreement. She also asked about the under 55 years of age exceptions and if that was based on at least one person being 55 years of age or older.

City Attorney Trujillo stated the Agreement could provide for a term of 5, 10, 15, 20 or a maximum of 30 years, and the exceptions to the Unruh Civil Rights Acts did require a person 55 years of age or older to live in the unit .

Councilmember Zacarías commended both the proponents and opponents. She stated she would be in support of this project because of the quality of life it would provide for seniors, having the ability to walk to shopping and services. The project would provide a healthy environment and an opportunity for more seniors to improve their quality of life.

Councilmember Cordero commended both sides of the issue for their preparation. The quality of life issues had to be considered by the Council. This project addressed that for the seniors. He was in favor of the project particularly with the concessions made by the developers. He asked about the ability to change the project once the zoning had been changed.

City Attorney Trujillo stated the self-imposed restrictions that the developers had agreed to would make it fairly impossible to change the project without City Council approval. The Density Bonus Agreement, which would be recorded, should give the Council some level of comfort that the property would be used for senior housing.

Councilmember Cordero stated given those facts, he would be very much in support of the project. It was about time someone improved that property and provided a service to the community.

Councilmember Patino stated she thought it was great that these would be apartments for seniors, but only nine of them were low-income. These apartments would be well managed. It was a very appealing project for active seniors, but after 30 years it could change. One thing that concerned her was that there would only be 48 parking spaces. She could not see an apartment complex with 60 units and only 48 parking spaces. Adequate parking needed to be provided in any project approved by the City. Quality of life was important for seniors and for the existing neighborhood. It was a great project but not compatible the neighborhood. She said she would not be supporting the General Plan Amendment and zone change because it would set a precedent.

Mayor Lavagnino stated an infill project was always the toughest type of project. It was understandable that the neighbors would resist change. The 600 square foot

apartments would not be something most people would be able to live in. He said he did not have a problem with the parking. The thing that swayed him toward the project was the agreement of the developers to restrict it to 55 years of age or older. He suggested the restriction be for a term of 30 years. Having the on-site management of the project with the assurance that the City could step in and enforce the requirements addressed his concerns.

Resolution No. 2009-28 was adopted authorizing the filing of a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact, E-2008-001, and adopting the mitigation monitoring program on motion by Councilmember Zacarías, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: Councilmember Patino
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-28 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION E-2008-001 FOR THE SANTA MARIA VILLAGE SENIOR APARTMENT GENERAL PLAN (LAND USE) AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE GPZ-2008-001, LOCATED AT 450 AND 460 WEST STOWELL ROAD, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 117-250-023.

Resolution No. 2009-29 was adopted amending the General Plan (Land Use) for 1.85 acres from LDR (Low Density Residential, 5 dwelling units per acre) to HDR-22 (High Density Residential, 22 dwelling units per acre) subject to the provisions of the Density Bonus Agreement on motion by Councilmember Zacarías, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: Councilmember Patino
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-29 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE GENERAL PLAN (LAND USE) AMENDMENT FOR THE SANTA MARIA VILLAGE SENIOR APARTMENT PROJECT, ON 1.85 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 450 AND 460 WEST STOWELL ROAD, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 117-250-023 (FILE NO. GPZ-2008-001).

City Attorney Trujillo announced that there were several language changes needed to the ordinance as proposed by the developers and approved by the City Attorney's office. Acting Director of Community Development Woods highlighted the recommended changes.

Ordinance No. 2009-07 rezoning the 1.85 acre site from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to PD/R-3 (Planned Development/High Density Residential) as amended was introduced by title only for first reading and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption on motion by Councilmember Zacarías, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: Councilmember Patino
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2009-07 introduced. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, REZONING PROPERTY FOR THE SANTA MARIA VILLAGE SENIOR APARTMENT PROJECT, LOCATED AT 450 AND

460 WEST STOWELL ROAD, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 117-250-023, 1.85 ACRES (FILE NO. GPZ-2008-001)

FIRST EXTENSION TO INTERIM ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE TEMPORARY DISPLAY AND SALE OF FLOWERS EXCEPT AT ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES THAT SELL FLOWERS.

City Attorney Trujillo gave the staff report. The City Council is asked to consider an ordinance approving the first extension to the interim, urgency ordinance that was adopted on January 20, 2009, establishing a moratorium on the temporary display and sale of flowers except at established businesses that sell flowers in Santa Maria. The interim ordinance will expire on March 6, 2009, if not extended. The Council also adopted a permanent ordinance to prohibit such display and sale of flowers on February 17, 2009. The permanent ordinance will become effective on March 19, 2009. Because the moratorium will expire before the permanent ordinance becomes effective, staff is recommending the Council approve an extension to the interim ordinance. Extensions to interim urgency ordinances take effect immediately upon adoption. At least four Councilmembers must vote to adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Hearing no requests to speak, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Ordinance No. 2009-08 extending the interim urgency ordinance was introduced and adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarias, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2009-08 introduced and adopted. FIRST EXTENSION TO AN INTERIM, URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 12-35.302 AND 12-43.01 OF TITLE 12 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DISPLAY FOR SALE OF FLOWERS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Ness reported on anticipated items for the March 17, 2009, City Council meeting including a public hearing for an Environmental Impact Report and General Plan Amendment for Union Valley Parkway, a Business Loan for Central Coast Women's Health, and the General Plan Annual Report.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a meeting with the opponents of the Santa Maria Village Senior Apartment project on Friday, February 27th; met with students from El Camino Junior High School; and on Monday met with the Lopez Brothers.

Councilmember Patino reported on Thursday she attended the badge pinning ceremony at Fire Station No. 1; on Friday morning she toured the Greka facility; on Monday she attended the Hispanic Business Committee meeting and a forum in Spanish at El Camino Junior High School on drugs and alcohol; and met with both proponents and opponents of the Santa Maria Village Apartment project.

Mayor Lavagnino announced he attended the Police Officers' Award Luncheon at the Elks Lodge on February 18th; met with the proponents and opponents of the Santa Maria Village Senior Apartment project; attended the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) meeting on February 19th; appeared on KSMA with Joni Gray on February 20th and 27th; appeared on the Andy Caldwell Show on February 20th; on February 24th he appeared on KCPR (Cal-Poly Radio) regarding the Santa Maria River Levee; attended the CCWA meeting on February 25th; attended the funeral

services for Austin Owens; and on March 2nd he read to the students at Adams School. He commended the Police Department for solving the kidnapping of the newborn baby. Councilmember Zacarías reported she attended the Community Action Commission annual board meeting; continues to prepare income taxes through April 4th; attended a luncheon for the Santa Barbara Foundation; attended a meeting of the Santa Barbara County Planning Council; attended the Salute to Veterans on February 13th; participated in the Boys and Girls Club Trivia Contest to support the United Way; met with the opponents and proponents of the Santa Maria Village Senior Apartment project; and attended the Fashion in Action Show for the Vocational Training Center.

Councilmember Orach reported he attended the Police Officers' Award Luncheon on February 18th; on February 24th he attended the Manufacturer's Association meeting; he attended the Vocational Training Center Awards Ceremony; the Fire Department badge pinning ceremony; the Fashion in Action Fashion Show; participated in a tour of Northern Santa Barbara County leisure facilities; and attended the Hispanic Business Committee meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:
Council recessed to a Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. for Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code: Agency Representative: Assistant City Manager, Employee Organization: Santa Maria Police Officers Association (SMPOA).

After the Closed Session, the following report was given:

Conference with Labor Negotiators – SMPOA: A status report was given.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned by Mayor Lavagnino at 9:11 p.m.

APPROVED

March 17, 2009
Date

Patricia A. Perez
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST

Patricia A. Perez
Chief Deputy City Clerk

S. S. Lavagnino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria